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(COMPANION TO SF 2082 BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an office within the department of public
2 safety to oversee efforts to combat human trafficking.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.45 Office to combat human
2 trafficking.

3 1. An office to combat human trafficking is established
4 within the department. The purpose of the office is to oversee
5 and coordinate efforts to combat human trafficking in this
6 state.

7 2. The commissioner shall appoint a coordinator to staff
8 the office. Additional staff may be hired, subject to the
9 availability of funding.

10 3. The office shall do all of the following:

11 a. Serve as a point of contact for anti-human trafficking
12 activity in this state.

13 b. Consult with and work jointly with other governmental
14 agencies and nongovernmental or community organizations that
15 have expertise in the areas of human trafficking prevention,
16 victim protection and assistance, law enforcement, and
17 prosecution for the purpose of combatting human trafficking in
18 this state.

19 c. Develop a strategy to collect and maintain criminal
20 history data on incidents related to human trafficking.

21 d. Develop a strategy for sharing victim and offender data
22 among governmental agencies.

23 e. Apply for or assist other governmental agencies, as
24 assistance is needed, to apply for grants to support human
25 trafficking enforcement, prosecutions, trainings, and victim
26 services.

27 f. Research and recommend trainings to assist governmental
28 agencies to identify and respond appropriately to human
29 trafficking victims.

30 g. Take other steps necessary to advance the purposes of the
31 office.

32 4. For purposes of this section, "*human trafficking*" means
33 the same as defined in section 710A.1.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill establishes an office within the department of
3 public safety to oversee and coordinate efforts to combat human
4 trafficking in this state.

5 The bill directs the commissioner of public safety to
6 appoint a coordinator to staff the office. Additional staff
7 may be hired, subject to the availability of funding.

8 The bill provides that the office shall serve as a point
9 of contact for anti-human trafficking activity in Iowa. The
10 office shall also consult with and work jointly with other
11 governmental agencies and nongovernmental or community
12 organizations that have expertise in the areas of human
13 trafficking prevention, victim protection and assistance, law
14 enforcement, and prosecution to combat human trafficking in
15 the state. The office shall develop strategies to collect
16 and maintain criminal history data on incidents related to
17 human trafficking and to share victim and offender data among
18 governmental agencies. The office shall apply for or assist
19 other governmental agencies, as assistance is needed, to
20 apply for grants to support human trafficking enforcement,
21 prosecutions, trainings, and victim services. The office
22 shall research and recommend trainings to assist governmental
23 agencies to identify and respond appropriately to human
24 trafficking victims. The office shall take other steps
25 necessary to oversee and coordinate efforts to combat human
26 trafficking in Iowa.